

## PROF. HANUS FINDS CITY SCHOOLS RUN BY BAD SYSTEM

Summary of Board of Estimate  
Committee's Report  
Submitted.

### TEACH BOYS VOCATIONS

Industrial Education Found  
Negligible—"Abolish Board  
of Superintendents."

The Committee on Social Inquiry of the Board of Estimate, consisting of President Mitchell of the Board of Aldermen, Comptroller Pranger and President Miller of the Board of the Bronx, has just completed, for report to the Board of Estimate, a summary of the "Report as a Whole" on the city's schools, as prepared by Prof. Paul H. Hanus of Harvard, the specialist engaged to act as chairman of the thirteen educational experts engaged to investigate and report to the committee.

"It is clear that in spite of the progress which the public school system of New York has made since the consolidation it is seriously defective," says the committee. "It needs thorough reorganization in respect to its administration by the Board of Education and the supervisory staff and in respect to its general system of supervision. The Board of Education needs a clear conception of its functions, and should come to close quarters with its work."

"In the general system of supervision, helpful co-operation under leadership should replace bureaucratic control. The Board of Superintendents fulfill no useful function and should be abolished. The Board of Examiners is decidedly efficient, but needs reorganization to improve and maintain its efficiency. The quality of the teaching in the elementary schools, at least, is in general not good. The course of study for elementary schools and for high schools needs thorough-going revision and flexibility should replace rigidity in their administration."

### INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION A NEG- LIGIBLE QUANTITY.

"The compulsory attendance service is inefficient. It emphasizes functions rather than preventative measures, and the staff needs reorganization or no functional basis. The recognized advantages of intermediate schools in relieving congestion have not led to the establishment of such schools, and no attempt has been made to realize the exceptional educational opportunities these schools afford; promotions and non-promotions are not studied so as to yield a real basis for a maximum rate of promotion; part time classes should be abolished; the estimated need of teachers for elementary schools and for high schools is not based on indisputable and well organized data. "The provision for industrial education is so meager as to be almost negligible; neither industrial nor commercial education is so maintained as to secure the necessary effective co-operation of industry and commerce, and co-operative and continuation schools are wholly absent. Habitual self-criticism and an appeal to well conducted investigations and experiments to secure the necessary data to confirm or refute educational opinion and furnish the legislative for all the activities of the school system and for its absolute financial support are lacking."

### SYSTEM HAS SOME MERITS, SAYS PROF. HANUS.

The report comments on the selection of the monograph of Dr. Ernest C. Moore, professor of education at Yale, in "The Board of Education and Local School Boards," stating that it was re-

jected for reasons already given, and adding that an "additional report will be furnished later by Prof. Goodnow and Prof. Howe." Monographs were prepared by ten specialists in all.

Prof. Hanus in his summary says that in 1910-1911 the total teaching and supervising force, exclusive of teachers in the evening schools, recreation centers, vacation schools and playgrounds, included 2,552 men and 13,932 women, 15,486 persons in all. The average monthly register in all schools was 671,192, and the average daily attendance was 608,457. "We have not failed," he says, "to appreciate the merits of the school system, and they are many."

"But since our chief purpose was constructive criticism, we have devoted ourselves more particularly to such defects as we have been able to point out, and to suggestions and recommendations for remedying or minimizing them."

"Public education should train efficient citizens—men and women who recognize and appreciate the common interests of our democratic society and are able to promote their progressive development. Public education should strive gradually to emancipate each pupil from external restraint and guidance and thus render him self-directing—intellectually, morally and physically stable, alert, vigorous and active."

### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IS NEEDED IN THE SCHOOLS.

Prof. Hanus urged vocational training at the upper end of the elementary school in industrial and commercial matters, and day vocational schools for normal pupils over fourteen years of age, whether they have completed an eight years' elementary school course or not, and who will not go to a high school.

Also day co-operative and continuation schools (vocational) for pupils fourteen to eighteen years of age who cannot afford or will not take the time to attend a day vocational school; evening continuation schools, vocational and non-vocational; vocational high schools—vocational schools of secondary grade; high schools of commerce; high schools of practical arts (technical high schools); agricultural high schools.

He speaks also of the needs of schools for cripples, anemic and tubercular children, incorrigibles and trunks, blind children, deaf children and mentally defective children, and says that "New York needs the foregoing standard of educational opportunity only partially and in some respect hardly at all."

### VICTIMS TIED AND GAGGED BY ROBBERS IN YONKERS.

Employees of Filtration Plant Are  
Held Up by Pair, Who Escape  
With \$70 and Two Watches.

The police of Yonkers have failed to locate two bold robbers who robbed two men last night at the filtration plant of the city water works. The robbers escaped with about \$70, the wages of the men. They also took their watches and chains.

The victims were William Singer and Frank Chumer. They form the night force at the filtration plant. About 8:30 o'clock last night they were seated in a small office building on the Nepperhan avenue side of the filtration plant, playing cards.

Two men, with coat collars turned up and caps pulled down, entered and thrust revolvers at the card players, with commands to throw up hands.

One of the intruders then kept the two covered with his revolver, while the other, using rope and canvas in the shed, tied the men to their chairs and thrust rags in their mouths. It was more than an hour before one of the men managed to work a hand free and release himself.



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## CUSTOM INSPECTOR SHOOTS SUSPECT IN DESPERATE BATTLE

Three Men, Shadowed From  
Pier, Attack Officers When  
Put Under Arrest.

John McArdle of No. 223 West Sixteenth street, alleged smuggler, who was shot in a battle with Customs officers in a saloon last night, is dying in New York Hospital.

Customs Inspectors James J. Lynch and Matthew Hogan were assigned several days ago to catch smugglers operating from incoming steamers at the Anchor Line.

Last night as they were watching some bay rum left over from a quantity smuggled to the pier at Twenty-fourth street from the steamship Caledonia, they saw McArdle, Otto Zehlius, a Bremen on the Caledonia, and Thomas Brown, a driver of No. 28 West Twenty-sixth street, meet on the pier and hold a whispered conversation.

Then the three men left the pier and it was found that more of the bay rum was gone. The three were trailed to a saloon at the southeast corner of

Twenty-fourth street and Thirteenth avenue by the two inspectors.

Entering the saloon Lynch and Hogan showed their shields and told the three men they were under arrest. McArdle, a strapping big fellow, laughed at them and attacked Lynch. The two officers fell on Hogan and the inspectors were being badly beaten when Lynch drew his revolver.

McArdle sprang back, still laughing. Then he started for the door. Lynch ordered him to halt. McArdle continued to laugh, and suddenly made a leap for the door. At the same time Lynch fired and the big longshoreman crumpled in a heap on the floor with a bullet in his left breast.

"Don't you two try to run," Lynch said, turning to the two other men. Pointing his revolver at them he ordered them to stand back in a corner. Dr. Jenkins, physician on the Caledonia, was called. He said McArdle's injury was mortal, that he had only a short time to live. Dr. Waters who came in an ambulance from New York Hospital, agreed with Dr. Jenkins.

McArdle was taken to the hospital. In his pockets were two bottles of the bay rum and he was made a prisoner, charged with smuggling, assault and interfering with a Customs inspector.

Brown and Zehlius also were charged with interfering with the inspectors and looted up in the West Seventeenth street police station to be arraigned today at Jefferson Market Court.

Lynch was charged with felonious assault and made a prisoner, and Hogan was detained as a material witness.

Assistant District Attorney Murphy questioned Lynch and Hogan in the station house last night. The two told Murphy that their orders from Collector Loeb were to go to extremes if necessary in running down the smugglers.

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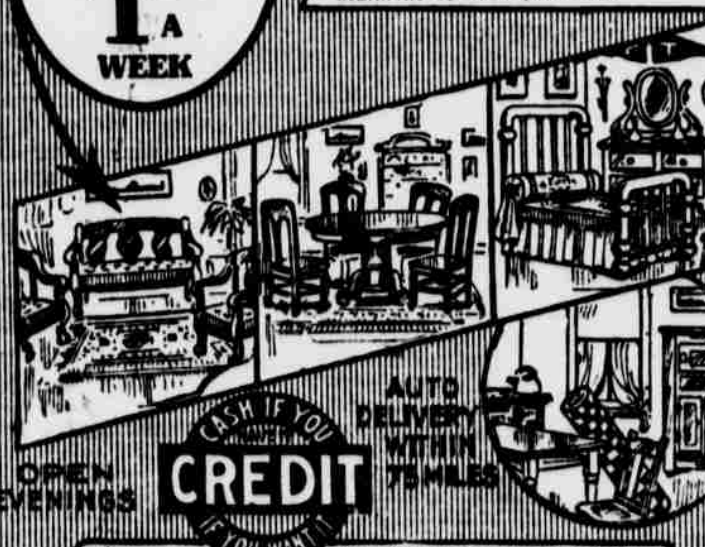
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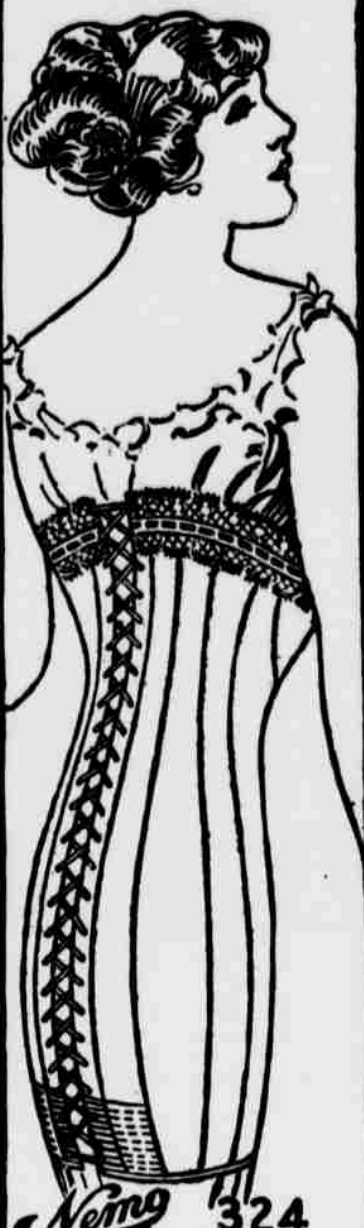
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